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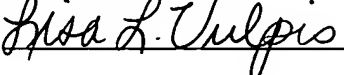
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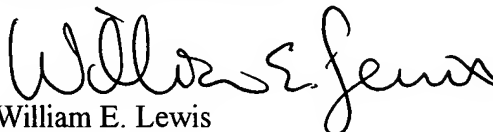
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1. S.F. Altschul et al., "Basic Local Alignment Search Tool," J. Mol. Biol. Vol. 215, No. 3, pp. 403-410, 1990.
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